

CABINET

12 January 2023

CATMOSE SPORTS LEISURE CONTRACT

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Communities, Environment and Climate Change

Strategic Aim:	Vibrant Communities	
Key Decision: Yes	Forward Plan Reference: FP/221222	
Exempt Information	Yes, Appendix B	
Cabinet Member(s) Responsible:	Councillor Marc Oxley, Portfolio Holder for Communities, Environment and Climate Change	
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Ward Councillors	All	

DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet:

1. Approves one of the options outlined in the exempt appendix.
2. Authorises the Strategic Director for Places, in consultation with the Cabinet Member with Portfolio for Finance and the Portfolio Holder for Communities, Environment and Climate Change to conclude arrangements for any financial liabilities to the Council arising from the option chosen.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update Cabinet on the outcome of the procurement exercise for the operation of the Catmose Sports Centre in Oakham, and to outline the options available to the Council.

2 MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 The Council continues to operate in a challenging budgetary position, with the Council's expenditure exceeding its income by around £2m per annum.
- 2.2 As a result of the financial situation, the Council must endeavour to reduce expenditure wherever possible, and seek to mitigate any financial risks to the

authority and Council Tax payers. The Council must therefore ensure that any new commitments must, wherever possible, be either nil net cost to the authority, or contribute positively to the Council's finances.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 A timeline describing the development of the Catmose Sports Centre is provided in Appendix A.
- 3.2 While Cabinet has agreed to date to underwrite the costs of operating the Catmose Sports Centre in the short term due to the Covid pandemic and dramatic utility price increases, the Centre must operate without any subsidy as soon as this can be achieved, in line with the recommendations of the Growth, Infrastructure and Resources Scrutiny Committee, Report No. 156/2021, agreed by Cabinet on 16th November 2021.
- 3.3 Following Cabinet approval on 5th April 2022 a procurement exercise for a new Catmose Sports Leisure Contract was initiated with Welland Procurement, on the basis of nil net cost to the Council and the College, with the award of any contract being subject to Cabinet approval.
- 3.4 Bidding closed on Friday 4th November 2022 with no compliant bids having been submitted. The procurement process was therefore unsuccessful.

4 OPTIONS APPRAISAL

- 4.1 The options are assessed in the Exempt Appendix B to this document. The appendix is exempt as it contains commercially sensitive information. Cabinet's decision on the approved option will be made public as soon as possible after commercial negotiations have been concluded.
- 4.2 In order to support the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan, it remains the case that any subsidy for the Catmose Sports Centre must be short-term and ceased as soon as possible, if approved.

5 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Consultation is outlined in the exempt appendix.

6 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 6.1 Exempt Appendix B outlines the alternative options open to the Council.

7 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Financial details which are commercially sensitive are included in Exempt Appendix B.

8 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 Legal and governance considerations are incorporated into this report.

9 DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 A Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) has been completed. No adverse or

other significant risks / issues were found arising from Cabinet considering this issue. A copy of the DPIA can be obtained from Robert Clayton, rclayton@rutland.gov.uk

10 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

10.1 A full Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) has been completed which outlines the potential areas of impact.

11 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

11.1 Implications are outlined in the exempt appendix.

12 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS

12.1 Implications are outlined in the exempt appendix.

13 ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

13.1 Implications are outlined in the exempt appendix.

14 CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

14.1 This report summarises the outcome of the procurement exercise for the Catmose Sports contract.

14.2 With the Council's contract with SLL ending on 31st March 2023, a decision must be made in January to enable suitable arrangements to be put in place.

15 BACKGROUND PAPERS

15.1 There are no additional background papers

16 APPENDICES

16.1 Appendix A: Catmose Sports Timeline

16.2 EXEMPT Appendix B: Commercially Sensitive Information

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